

## Swiss Re hosts media conference on Alternative Risk Transfer: conference on ART Solutions in a time of capacity shortage

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The conference will concentrate on recent changes in the insurance market and how the Alternative Risk Transfer market is responding to those changes. The event, which also focuses on the new capacity in Bermuda and the non-life insurance market in a time of capacity shortage, will be held from 8:30 am to 10:30 am, Thursday, September 19, at the Park Avenue Plaza, located at 55 East 52nd Street, on the 44th floor.

Among the featured panelists and speakers are:

Jacques Aigrain, head of Swiss Re's Financial Services Business Group

Fernando Gentil, head of Structured Finance, Risk Solutions

Hans Zimmermann, co-head of Risk Underwriting, Risk Solutions

Gary Ransom, Financial Services Strategist, Fox-Pitt, Kelton

Kurt Karl, head of Economic Research and Consulting, North America

Swiss Re is one of the world's leading reinsurers with over 70 offices in more than 30 countries. For 2001, Swiss Re reported a net loss of CHF 165 million, largely due to the 11 September event. Gross premiums in 2001 were CHF 28.5 billion. At the end of June 2002, Swiss Re's shareholders' equity amounted to CHF 18.3 billion and the total balance sheet stood at CHF 168 billion. Swiss Re is rated "AAA" by Standard & Poor's, "Aaa" by Moody's and "A++" by A.M. Best.